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Sir:

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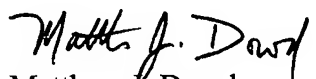
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Sir:

In reply to the Office Action dated March 16, 2006, requesting an election of one invention to prosecute in the above-referenced patent application, Applicant hereby provisionally elects to prosecute the invention of Group I, represented by claims 64-70 and 83-86. This election is made without prejudice to or disclaimer of the other claims or inventions disclosed.

Applicant also provisionally elects the following species for initial search: DMRIE carboxylate propyl amide. This species is exemplified in Example 3. Claims 64 and 71 read on the elected species. With respect to this species, the variable groups of claim 64 are as follows: R_1 and R_2 are $\text{CH}_3(\text{CH}_2)_{12}\text{C}(\text{O})-$; R_3 and R_4 are CH_3 ; R_6 is propyl; Z is NR_1 , wherein R_1 is H; and n and m are 1. The variable groups of claim 71 are as follows: R_1 and R_2 are $\text{CH}_3(\text{CH}_2)_{12}\text{C}(\text{O})-$; R_3 and R_4 are CH_3 ; R_7 is H; R_8 is propyl; and n and m are 1.